



Jamestowne - 1607



# Departure

In December of 1606 three ships, the *Susan Constant*, *Godspeed* and *Discovery*, departed from London for the New World in search of wealth for the investors in the Virginia Company of London.

After a long five-month journey taking the southern equatorial route to North America the three ships landed at Cape Henry at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. On May 14, 1607 the group under the command of Captain Christopher Newport and Edward Maria Wingfield selected a place on the James River to build their fort, James Forte.

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**1606** **December 3** Three ships leave England to start a new colony in Virginia.

**1607** **April 26** First landfall at Cape Henry.

**May 13** 104 men come ashore and name their landfall James Cittie.

**May 26–June 15** After Indians attack, a fort is built to protect the settlers.

**December** John Smith is captured by the Powhatan.

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**1608** **January** Smith, who has befriended Pocahontas, is released.

**September** Smith elected head of governing council.

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**1609** **August** Ships arrive from England with about 300 new settlers.

**September** Smith, injured in a gunpowder explosion, returns to England.





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